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UTAH INDUSTRY RESPONDS TO ENERGY CRISIS UTAH CONGRESSMEN AND GOVERNOR TO VIEW SHOWCASE INDUSTRIES

In the midst of turbulence in the energy market, the U.S. Department of Energy plans to showcase several outstanding Utah industries that have added energy-saving technology to their operations. On August 27-29, industry and government representatives, including Governor Michael Leavitt and most of Utah's Congressional delegation will meet in Salt Lake City to review these success stories, take testimony at a Congressional forum, and tour several local industrial plants. The showcase will also witness the signing of a compact between DOE and the State of Utah for further cooperation in industrial energy research and development.

In recent years the DOE's "Industries of the Future" program has invested heavily in new science that helps the country's most energy-intensive industries reduce consumption and improve productivity. Several Utah companies figure prominently in the effort to keep U.S. competitive in international markets and insulated from energy supply problems. Kennecott Copper, Magcorp, Alcoa Aluminum and oil refineries at Chevron, Flying J, and Silver Eagle have caught the attention of DOE for their energy management innovations and will be part of the showcase.

"Industries of the Future" (IOF) includes funding awards as high as \$525,000 for research and commercialization of new industrial methods that have broad applicability to U.S. industry. In recent years, more than a million dollars in IOF money has been awarded to Utah companies and researchers for energy-related innovations. These DOE programs will be featured at the showcase.

The showcase event will be at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel in Salt Lake City, with plants tour buses leaving from there in the afternoons of each of three days, Monday through Wednesday, August 27-29. A wide variety of Utah industries will also be on display in the exhibit hall.

The showcase and Congressional forum are open to the public, and energy managers from other Utah industry are especially invited to attend. There is a registration fee of \$115. For more information about the showcase, or for more information about DOE programs and funding, contact Jon Allred at the Utah Department of Natural Resources Office of Energy, 538-4713, the Energy Hotline at (800) 662-3633 or on the web at www.oit.doe.gov.

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